

Application No. 10/003,912
Amendment dated December 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 13, 2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action of October 13, 2004. This response is in fully reply thereto. Applicants have cancelled claims 8-65.

In the Office Action, the Examiner did not reject, or object to, claims 1-7. Because these claims are patentable for the reasons put forth in Applicants submission dated June 22, 2004, Applicant earnestly solicites a Notice of Allowance to that effect.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below. It is believed that no fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

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